



COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Borough of Hawthorne, Passaic County, New Jersey 07506



February 4, 2026, 7 PM

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ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

STATEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the Annual Schedule of Regular Meetings heretofore adopted and posted on the Public Bulletin Board at the Municipal Building, posted on the official Internet website of the Borough of Hawthorne. (<https://www.hawthornenj.org/651/Legal-Notices-Bids-RFPs>) and emailed to The Herald News and The Record and all persons who have requested the mailing of such since November 17, 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 21, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Agenda Items Only – 5 minute limit)

NEW BUSINESS ~ OLD BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA PRESENTED BY MAYOR LANE

REPORTS

Borough Attorney Michael J. Pasquale
Borough Engineer Joseph Byrne, Boswell Engineering
Borough Administrator Vincent Caruso

RESOLUTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA: R 30-26 to R 35-26:

- R 30-26 Refund Overpayment of Taxes
- R 31-26 Refund Overpayment of Taxes
- R 32-26 Tax Exempt Status for Veterans
- R 33-26 Authorize Shared Services Agreement for Sale of Brine to Washington Twp.
- R 34-26 Award Contract for PFAS System Resin Replacement, Sentinel Water Solutions LLC
- R 35-26 Authorize 2026 Open Space Grant Application - ADA Bleachers Improvements at Wag 4

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

BILLS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

**THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026 AT 7PM**

The reorganization meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne was held on the above date at 7:04pm in the Council Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, 445 Lafayette Avenue, Hawthorne, New Jersey, with the following present:

Mayor	John V. Lane
Council President	Frank E. Matthews
Council Vice President.....	Mike Sciarra
Councilman	Bruce A. Bennett
Councilwoman.....	Rayna Laiosa
Councilman	Dominic Mele
Councilwoman.....	Anna Marie Sasso
Councilman	Joseph R. Wojtecki
Borough Administrator	Vinnie Caruso
Borough Attorney	Michael J. Pasquale
Borough Engineer Representative.....	Joseph Byrne, PE
Borough Clerk	Lori Fernandez

FLAG SALUTE

Council President Matthews invited all present to join him in the flag salute.

STATEMENT

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes for the regular meeting of January 21, 2026, motion by Council Vice President Sciarra, seconded by Councilman Bennett. On roll call, all voted yes, with the exception of Councilman Wojtecki who abstained, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minute limit)

Council President Matthews opened the meeting to the public and stated if anyone desired to be heard, please raise their hand to be recognized, come forward to the microphone and state their name for the record. Seeing no one, Council President Matthews entertained a motion to close the public portion of the meeting, motion by Councilman Wojtecki, seconded by Council Vice President Sciarra. Carried on voice vote.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES None

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Wojtecki

How are we doing with snow parking enforcement, because we still have cars that are covered with snow that are up in Ward 1, District 1. Yesterday I had to call the DPW to ask to have some of the snow removed. Are we enforcing what we're saying we're going to do? Because clearly, with the cars that are still buried, I really would like to know how many are being enforced or towed, because it says, if you're not cleaning your car off, we're

going to tow them. Administrator Caruso replied that he just received a report today regarding enforcement specifically on Ordinance 505-49b, 30 summonses were issued for leaving a vehicle more than 24 hours from the 26th to today and 30 summonses for 49c which is 48 hours of being left on the street without being moved. There were also vehicles that were towed.

Councilman Sciarra

A small group of volunteer residents went out to clear over 50 fire hydrants around the borough, while I was encouraged to see community members get involved in this important issue, I honestly felt a little discouraged when I saw residents who shoveled their walks but never touched the hydrants. One resident actually buried the hydrant in snow. Snow covered hydrants pose a risk and severely delay emergency response times, when every second counts. Obstructed and buried frozen hydrants force firefighters to spend precious time locating and digging them out, hindering their ability to get to the water supply quickly. House fires can be fatal, homes can be engulfed in five minutes, increasing the risk. I decided to do some research and the state already has a law requiring homeowners and business owners to clear the fire hydrants in front of their properties. This law also allows local municipalities to issue fines for failure to clear hydrants 24 hours after the snow. As chairman of the ordinance committee, I'd like to schedule a meeting to discuss how we can properly address this issue. I was encouraged that again, Hawthorne residents as a community stepped up and tried to address it. Mayor Lane stated we are drafting an ordinance for introduction at our next meeting, which will, in fact, require homeowners to dig up their hydrants, this would also include business owners with fines and penalties if they do not. We are fully prepared to move forward with that ordinance at the next meeting. I've become aware of other municipalities that have enacted similar ordinances, that already have such laws in the book, so I have no issue with that, and let's just get it going.

Councilman Mele

Councilman Mele thanked everyone who helped shovel out the fire hydrants last week as well.

More discussion took place regarding digging out fire hydrants and who is responsible. The property owner would get the summons, unless the renter and property owner have an agreement. Hopefully we can have some allowance for seniors that are unable to get out. Maybe a list of residents who are unable to do it so they don't get fined.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Wojtecki

Councilman Wojtecki brought up the chronic fire alarms that continue at 204 Wagaraw and would like it discussed at the next ordinance meeting. He brought up the fact that he counted 34 cars parked in the pool parking lot that are going to the 204 Wag gym. There just seems to be more and more cars parked there. He stated the sign is still not up for the no left turn onto Wagaraw from May Street and believes the business owner was supposed to put a sign up there which the county planning board required the business owner to do. Lastly, there seem to be even more utility lines hanging down, especially along Grand Avenue.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA PRESENTED BY MAYOR LANE

I want to begin by thanking DPW Director Bill Haffler and the DPW for the great job they continue to do every day with snow removal throughout the town. Also, thank you to our Police Department and Traffic Bureau for their continued assistance as they work together with our DPW as they remove snow from our roads. Now, I address the snow event and the aftermath. It is unfortunate that not everyone is signed up for Nixle; are unable to look at Facebook and Instagram, and are unable to access to our Website. On the Friday night prior to the anticipated storm – which was February 23rd, I sent out my weekly letter, the *entire* first page of which was all about the anticipated snow storm. This was sent out on Nixle, Facebook, and was put on our Website. It read as follows: “We are having a major snow event this weekend. Temporary Overnight Parking is as follows:

Beginning on Saturday, January 24th at 3pm, overnight parking will be permitted at the following school properties: Washington School, Roosevelt School and Lincoln Middle School. Vehicles must not block school entrances or driveways; all vehicles must be removed by Monday, January 26th at 9am. Snow Emergency No-Parking Areas – Ordinance Chapter 505-75: Vehicles must be removed from Borough roadways when snowfall reaches 2” or more. A list of streets is attached. 24-Hour Parking Restriction Ordinance 505-49: Vehicles may not be parked on Borough streets for more than 24 consecutive hours. A copy of the ordinance is attached. Sidewalk Snow Removal Ordinance Chapter 444-14: Property owners are responsible for removing snow and/or ice from sidewalks within 8 hours of daylight after snowfall has ended. A copy of the ordinance is attached.” I know I’ve said this before, when there is a snow event, please give consideration to removing your vehicle from the street. If possible, park in your driveway. Landlords, if it is possible, please let your tenant(s) park in your driveway to allow our DPW to plow curb-to-curb and clean our streets of snow. Residents, I do understand the frustration of removing snow from your driveway aprons a couple of times during a snowstorm, but please do not throw the snow back into the street. The streets become covered again with snow and ice. The same thing is to be said of removing snow from your sidewalks and driveways – please don’t throw the snow back into the street. Also, please help your neighbors if you are able to. I’d like to call your attention to the *Public Service Announcement* regarding winter weather safety posted on our Facebook page from Councilman Matthews, Councilwoman Laiosa, and Councilman Sciarra <https://www.facebook.com/reel/871956722214731>. Also, our Office of Emergency Management has an Instagram page: Hawthorne.OEM.nj as well as a Facebook page Hawthorne OEM, I suggest you keep up-to-date with storm information by looking at these pages. Thank you for working together with us as we deal with the expected snow event. During the weekend our police department sent out numerous Nixles, they put information out on their Facebook page, as did our Office of Emergency Management, they addressed the winter storm and the enforcement that would take place in town. As you all know, snow events are events that we know are happening several days in advance. By communicating with all of you prior to a snow event, it is our objective to inform you so that tickets will not be written and cars will not be towed. Hawthorne has a long-standing Parking Ordinance #505-49. Vehicles may not remain unattended on a roadway for more than 24 hours. If a vehicle is parked continuously for more than 48 hours, it may be considered abandoned and subject to removal. This Ordinance applies year-round, including during snow events. During this storm, the Police Department did not immediately enforce the Ordinance. Officers waited beyond the 48-hour mark before issuing summonses for the towing of vehicles. This delay was intentional to give residents additional time to dig out and relocate vehicles. Many vehicles remained snow-bound on roadways for several days. Cars parked on both sides of narrow and hillside streets restricted travel. DPW crews were forced to make repeated passes on the same roads. This delayed snow removal in other areas of the Borough. We understand that many residents were frustrated by snow-bound vehicles and difficult travel conditions. Hillside streets were especially impacted during the storm. Some of our residents did not shovel. The ordinance requires that snow and ice be removed from a sidewalk within eight hours of daylight after a storm; it also prohibits putting snow or ice from a sidewalk into the street. This was not enforced until Tuesday, February 27th - a full 24-hours after the storm had passed on Monday. Enforcement is not about punishment. It is about safe roadways, emergency vehicle access, efficient snow removal, and safe sidewalks. We had fire calls; in one instance the fire truck could not get through the streets; luckily that call turned out to be for a mis-functioning smoke detector and there was no fire. What we are asking residents to do moving forward:

- Move vehicles off roadways before forecasted snow events.
- Use driveways whenever possible.
- When feasible, please work with neighbors to temporarily share driveway space.

Why?

- Safer roads for motorists and pedestrians.
- Clear access for emergency vehicles.

- Faster and more effective snow removal throughout Hawthorne.
- If you have a fire hydrant in front of your home, please clear and shovel the snow around your fire hydrant. If the Fire Department is called to your street, it will take them time to shovel out around the hydrant in order to hook up the house and put out a fire. Time is critical.

We can only encourage you to move your vehicles off the roadways and use driveways, share a driveway with a neighbor, or make use of the school parking lots at Washington, Roosevelt, and Lincoln Middle School that were made available by our Board of Education in certain areas of town. Please help us to help you in making Hawthorne safe. Last Sunday we held our Winter Senior Resident Movie afternoon and dessert hour afterwards. I want to thank everyone for coming out and joining us. Also, a very special thank you to Flavio Romeo of The Towncast who hosted our event, and our friends at Celtic Corner for a great afternoon of tea and desserts. Please mark your calendars for the Hawthorne Seniors Dinner & a Show – “Anything Goes” - at Hawthorne High School on Thursday, April 23rd, and for the dress rehearsal of the Lincoln Middle School play “Beauty & the Beast” on Thursday, April 30th at 6pm in the high school auditorium. I’ll have more details in my Friday Letter.

REPORTS

Borough Attorney Michael J. Pasquale

Diamond Bridge Avenue Property - A summation on the Speulda matter is being submitted to the Court. The judge visited the site and we are hopeful a successful outcome will be achieved.

Affordable Housing - Next meeting a number of ordinances will be introduced all pertaining to affordable housing and settlement of our 4th round litigation. He thanked John Szabo and Lori Fernandez for their invaluable assistance.

Band Shell - The Bandshell Committee met for its kickoff meeting. Thank you’s and solicitations are going out. Joe Zisa’s death has led to a search for a new opening night act, but many great ideas were kicked around.

Borough Engineer Joseph Byrne, Boswell Engineering

2024/2025 Road Improvement Program – Streets included are 4th Ave, Ethel, Annette, Frederick, Florence, North 13th St., Tonia Terr., Greenwood, Woodland, Highcrest, McKinley and Garfield. The guide rail for North 13th will be installed when weather permits.

2024/2025 Road Improvement Program/Local Aid – Streets included are Hawthorne, Westervelt, North Watchung and Grandview Avenues. Paving for North Watchung and Grandview. The contractor performed test pits to locate existing gas service lines and the gas main along Grandview Avenue and North Watchung Avenue. Due to the gas main being partially located behind the curb on North Watchung Avenue, detailed field measurements and GPS coordinates were collected for all utilities and relevant site features, including signs, utility poles, and fences. This information will be used to evaluate constraints and support the next phase of design for the proposed guardrail installation.

Lafayette Streetscape Phase III – We are awaiting PSEG line crews to connect the wiring to the adjacent pole on the corner of Lafayette and Jefferson. The meter on the corner of Garfield and Lafayette has been connected. The ponding on the stamped concrete at 431 Lafayette will be re-poured once the weather breaks. Four nonfreezing days is preferred for curing and sealing.

Lead Service Line Replacement – Phase IV - We are awaiting NJIB authorization to award, which is expected within the next few days. Boswell has begun “in home service line material” verifications to expedite the work on Westervelt which is scheduled to be paved in the spring of 2026. Boswell has also provided initial notices to residents to obtain contact information and give residents a summary of the upcoming work.

On Call Services for IX Resin Replacement - The contract is set to be awarded to Sentinel Water Solutions LLC at the Wednesday, February 4th Council Meeting.

Borough Administrator Vincent Caruso

We had a meeting with County representatives last week to discuss public health shared services with the County Department of Health, and are looking into any potential cost savings to the Borough by switching, and to receive a more expanded health services program offered by the County for our residents. We also have another meeting scheduled with the County and Millennium, Inc. to review the LEAP implementation project for high-speed internet services. The Borough has requested proposals for Marketing of Recyclables; proposals are due by February 18th. Notice has gone out for Snow Plowing Services for 2026-2027, bid proposals are due February 18th. Information is available on the Borough's website. Finance and I had a demo this week for an HR/Time Management/Payroll solution. We will be demoing another vendor on Friday. Our Annual Debt Statement was received and should be posted on the website by tomorrow.

Questions for the Administration

Councilwoman Laiosa

With Phase IV of the galvanized piping, finally the DEP issued their rule proposal this past Monday on their state lead and copper rules. They just released their full proposal on the law that we've been following since 2021. I just find it really interesting, because we have laws that passed, but we don't have regulations to implement them, and so the last several years, we've been implementing the law. We don't have the regulations to tell you how to do it, and this is really typical from New Jersey, because it takes about five, six years. I look forward to their explanations about the galvanized lines that we are replacing.

Councilman Wojtecki

I don't have a question, but I do have something to say. I want to thank Vincent for his quick response on several emails back and forth. We do appreciate it. All right, I just want to comment on the snow plowing. I usually wake up super early on the days with snow, and I've got to tell you, I am really proud to say that this was the best by far, and the guys really need just a huge thank you for all the great work, thank you.

Council President Matthews entertained a motion to record the Administrative Agenda, motion by Councilman Wojtecki, seconded by Council Vice President Sciarra.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA: R 30-26 to R 35-26 (see attached)

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- R 35-26 Authorize 2026 Open Space Grant Application - ADA Bleachers Improvements at Wag 4

Council President Matthews entertained a motion to approve consent agenda resolutions R30-26 through R35-26, motion by Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilwoman Sasso. Resolution R 34-26 was pulled. On roll call, all voted yes, motion carried.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councilman Wojtecki

The Shade Tree Committee met last night, we are receiving a grant. The total amount of money has not been confirmed yet, but congratulations to the Shade Tree Commission for obtaining that grant. This year seedlings will be white dogwoods. Downs is working on tree stump removal, but are being hampered by, of course, the snow. Hawthorne Shade Tree will be a part of Cel-Earth-Bration on April 18th, and Arbor Day on April 24th. Columbia Bank will be sponsoring the tree giveaway. There will be a play all about trees and the Eight Acre Woods at the band shell some time in August. On Saturday, September 26th we will be giving away 200 seedlings, and then additionally we'll be doing a daffodil planting late October, early November. Many people come out and help, and it's usually around the municipal building and the library.

Councilman Sciarra

I want to thank our borough clerk who is diligently sending out all the thank you letters to our sponsors, entertainers and volunteers for the Hispanic Heritage celebration. He also thanked the sponsors, speakers, vendors, DPW, police, fire, first responders that all participated and behind the scenes people. New requests for sponsorships have been mailed out because it does take some money to put on these events, but thank you.

Councilwoman Laiosa

We are proud to announce that we have three 4' x 8' garden beds available at the community garden this year. Applications will be available tomorrow on the website. You have to show proof of residence. Do not pay any of the fees until you're actually picked for a garden bed. The deadline to return everything is February 20th to the attention of Ellen Brogno.

Councilwoman Sasso

Our ambulance corps has donated close to 1,400 hours to us in January alone, and they're proud to announce that they have several students that have gotten through the academy. They are always accepting new trainees, so please consider volunteering, it's a wonderful way to give back to our community. With reference to our Board of Education, this past meeting, they honored 10 of our educators with the Hawthorne governor's Educator of the Year honorees, two educators from each of our five schools were honored. February 25th is Hawthorne's second annual multicultural night. Their tagline is, strong roots, many branches, one Hawthorne. It will be held at the high school with countries from all over the world, all correlated with our students, and we're going to be putting on performances. I believe there may be some food as well.

Councilman Mele

The Finance Committee met last week, and I'm looking forward to having another meeting soon.

Council President Matthews

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone who attended the Company of the Year dinner last Friday, Angelina's and Salon TG. The planning board met last night and approved an auto repair shop in the old O'Brien Nissan building on Lafayette Avenue. The Wawa application for the old Paul's Motor site was also heard but there were concerns from the board regarding traffic intensity and control. Items mentioned in earlier design meeting months ago were not incorporated site plans. A request was made to make a wider point of entry to the property to create a discharge, our engineer will follow up with the county to see if they were approved. It did not appear that the applicant's engineer ever presented the request to the county. Preliminary recycling approval was granted, but the applicant still needs to return with all open items.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

BILLS (see attached)

Council President Matthews entertained a motion to approve the bills and forward them to the Treasurer for payment, motion by Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilwoman Sasso. On roll call, all voted yes, with the exception of Councilman Wojtecki who abstained on bills pertaining to the Fire Department, and voted no on the bill pertaining to Language Line. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Matthews opened the meeting to the public and stated if anyone desired to be heard, please raise your hand to be recognized, come forward to the microphone and state your name for the record.

Cathy Serrafin, Hawthorne, NJ

Ms. Serrafin asked how often the police are watching the no left turn onto North Watchung and observing the overloaded trucks and busses as she hasn't seen them there. She observed a school bus full of students driving up North Watchung and making the right-hand turn. Mayor Lane explained there are some members of the traffic department that are out ill, they are trying to get officers from other squads for enforcement. He stated he would talk to the chief tomorrow.

Seeing no one else, Council President Matthews entertained a motion to close the public portion of the meeting, motion by Council Vice President Sciarra, seconded by Councilwoman Laiosa. Carried on voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00pm Council President Matthews entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion by Councilman Wojtecki, seconded by Council Vice President Sciarra. Carried on voice vote.

**THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026 AT 7PM**



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE
 County of Passaic
 State of New Jersey



RESOLUTION NO. 30-26

Resolution, Introduced by Council Person Mele Date: February 4, 2026

RESOLUTION

TITLE: REFUND TAXES FOR OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, the bank (Corelogic) paid the 1st quarter taxes of 2026,

WHEREAS, the property at 184 Hawthorne Ave., Hawthorne, N.J. is 100% exempt as of September 9, 2025, granted as a 100% permanently disabled Veteran,

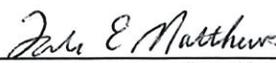
WHEREAS, it therefore leaves an overpayment for the 1st quarter of 2026,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the treasurer be and she is hereby authorized to issue a check to refund the amount of the overpayment for \$4,774.00.

Block 113 Lot 13.01 Mr. Delonte Williams

*Check payable to:
 Mr. Delonte Williams \$4,774.00
 184 Hawthorne Ave.
 Hawthorne, NJ 07506*

Name	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Bennett			✓			
Laiosa			✓			
Matthews			✓			
Mele	X		✓			
Sasso		X	✓			
Sciarra			✓			
Wojtecki			✓			



 Frank E. Matthews, Council President

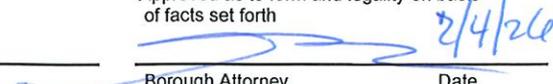


 Lori Fernandez, RMC, CMC, Borough Clerk

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 Borough Attorney

 Date 2/4/26



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE
 County of Passaic
 State of New Jersey



RESOLUTION NO. 31-26

Resolution, Introduced by Council Person Mele Date: February 4, 2026

RESOLUTION

TITLE: REFUND TAXES FOR OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, the bank (Corelogic) paid the 1st quarter taxes of 2026,

WHEREAS, the property at 160 Horizon Terr., Hawthorne, N.J. is 100% exempt as of October 29, 2025, granted as a 100% permanently disabled Veteran,

WHEREAS, it therefore leaves an overpayment for the 1st quarter of 2026,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the treasurer be and she is hereby authorized to issue a check to refund the amount of the overpayment for \$4,737.00.

Block 289 Lot 2.05 Mr. Jeffrey Villarreal

Check payable to:
 Mr. Jeffrey Villarreal \$4,737.00
 160 Horizon Terrace
 Hawthorne, NJ 07506

Name	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Bennett			✓			
Laiosa			✓			
Matthews			✓			
Mele	X		✓			
Sasso		X	✓			
Sciarra			✓			
Wojtecki			✓			

Frank E. Matthews
 Frank E. Matthews, Council President

Lori Fernandez
 Lori Fernandez, RMC, CMC, Borough Clerk

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Lori Fernandez

 Borough Attorney Date 2/4/26



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE
 County of Passaic
 State of New Jersey



RESOLUTION NO. 32-26

Resolution, Introduced by Council Person Mele Date: February 4, 2026

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2025 the Department of Veteran Affairs granted Bahar Silapova 100% permanently disabled Veteran,

WHEREAS, the assessor approved the exemption on Block 270 Lot 14 at 130 Pasadena Place, Hawthorne, NJ as of November 17, 2025 which was the date she purchased the home,

WHEREAS, the homeowner should be entitled to a refund for anything that was paid from November 17, 2025 to the end of the year which is 44 days,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the treasurer be and she is hereby authorized to issue A check to refund the amount that was paid for the which is the amount of \$1,830.40. Future taxes will be cancelled.

Block 270 Lot 14 \$1,830.40
Bahar Silapova
130 Pasadena Place
Hawthorne, NJ 07506

Name	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Bennett			✓			
Laiosa			✓			
Sasso		X	✓			
Sciarra			✓			
Matthews			✓			
Mele	X		✓			
Wojtecki			✓			

Frank E. Matthews Lori Fernandez
 Frank E. Matthews, Council President Lori Fernandez, RMC, CMC, Borough Clerk

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 Name / Title / Date 2/4/26
 Borough Attorney Date



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE
County of Passaic
State of New Jersey



RESOLUTION NO. 33-26

Resolution, Introduced by Council Person Mele *Date:* February 4, 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hawthorne is the owner of a brine system which produces brine for spreading on road surfaces in anticipation of storm events; and

WHEREAS, various public entities including the County of Passaic, William Paterson University, Village of Ridgewood, Borough of Glen Rock, Lodi and other entities (collectively the public entities) have entered into Shared Services Agreements with Hawthorne for the sale and purchase of brine for spreading on road surfaces in anticipation of storm events; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Township in Bergen County has asked that Hawthorne enter into a Shared Services Agreement pursuant to the Shared Services and Consolidation Act, NJSA 40A:65-1, et. seq., whereby Washington Township, through its Department of Public Works, would purchase brine through the Hawthorne Department of Public Works, with each party to gain benefit through the cooperative nature of the relationship; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the shared services agreement incorporated herein by reference and has approved of the form and content;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne does agree to enter into Shared Services Agreement with Washington Township, Bergen County, and does authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and deliver the same as and for the action of the Borough of Hawthorne, subject to modification as may be deemed appropriate by the Borough Attorney, consistent with the intent of this resolution.

Name	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Bennett			✓			
Laiosa			✓			
Matthews			✓			
Mele	X		✓			
Sasso		X	✓			
Sciarra			✓			
Wojtecki			✓			

Frank E. Matthews
 Frank E. Matthews, Council President

Lori Fernandez
 Lori Fernandez, RMC, CMC, Borough Clerk

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 Borough Attorney
 Date: 2/4/26



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE
County of Passaic
State of New Jersey



RESOLUTION NO. 34-26

PULLED

Resolution, Introduced by Council Person _____ Date: February 4, 2026

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hawthorne solicited bids for Resin Replacement Services, on an on-call basis, inclusive of proper removal and disposal of existing resin and provision of new material and proper installation of replacement resin and related material, in connection with its recently installed PFAS remediation system, and opened such bids on January 21, 2026; and

WHEREAS, a total of three bids were received, the lowest being from Sentinel Water Solutions, LLC, in total sum of \$376,714.24, a figure substantially below the bids of the other bidders by a very wide margin; and

WHEREAS, the bids were reviewed by the Borough Attorney, who found the same compliant with the Local Public Contracts Law and the bid solicitation, but who also found errors in the mathematical computations resulting in differences in amounts as little as \$.40 cents and as much as \$2.02, making such errors de minimus in nature and the product of a mathematical error that can be readily corrected without rendering the bid defective; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds under Water Utility O/E – PFAS Media Replacement 05.2010.55.5020.058 so as to allow for the award of contract in total certified amount of \$376,714.24 for each required removal, disposal and installation as required;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne, that it does award a contract to:

Sentinel Water Solutions, LLC
1975 Waddle Road
State College, Pennsylvania 16803

in accordance with its bid, incorporated herein by reference, and does authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to execute and deliver a contract to the said entity upon approval as to form by the Borough Attorney.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

As required by NJSA 40A:4-57, NJAC 5:30-14.5 and any other applicable requirement of law, I Laurie A. Foley, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Hawthorne, have determined that there are available, sufficient funds, not committed to any other purpose, under Water Utility O/E – PFAS Media Replacement 05.2010.55.5020.058 so as to allow for the award of contract in total certified amount of \$376,714.24 for each required removal, disposal and installation as required.

Laurie A. Foley, Chief Financial Officer

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Frank E. Matthews, Council President

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Name / Title

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Date



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE
County of Passaic
State of New Jersey



RESOLUTION NO. 35-26

Resolution, Introduced by Council Person Mele Date: February 4, 2026

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC FOR OPEN SPACE FUNDING TO CONSTRUCT ADA-COMPLIANT BLEACHERS AT WAGARAW BALLFIELD #4

WHEREAS, the Passaic County Board of County Commissioners (hereafter "Board") provide grants to municipalities for the assistance in acquisition, development, stewardship, and historic preservation from the Passaic County Open Space, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund (hereafter "Trust Fund"); and

WHEREAS, the baseball/softball bleachers at Wagaraw Ballfield #4 are deteriorated and are not compliant with the standards set by the Americans with Disability Act ("ADA"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hawthorne desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$110,000.00 from the Passaic County Open Space grant program to fund the construction of ADA-compliant bleachers at Wagaraw Ballfield #4, to replace the deteriorated ones; and

WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Borough Council has determined that the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Trust Fund program and the rules and regulations established pursuant to R20170349, and any subsequent Resolutions passed by the Board governing the administration of the Trust Fund; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE THAT:

- 1. The Borough Administrator is authorized to make application, provide all required information and documents as required, and correspond as necessary for a grant to the Passaic County Open Space, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund;
1. That the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute grant agreements and any amendment thereto with the County of Passaic for the construction of ADA-compliant bleaches at Wagaraw Ballfield #4;
2. That, if the funds provided by the County are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project; and
3. That, the applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, State, County, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
4. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Signature of Frank E. Matthews, Council President

Signature of Lori Fernandez, RMC, CMC, Borough Clerk

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P.O. Type: All
 Range: First to Last
 Format: Condensed
 Vendors: All
 Rcvd Batch Id Range: First to Last

Open: N Paid: Y Void: N
 Rcvd: N Held: N Aprv: N
 Bid: Y State: Y Other: Y Exempt: Y

Paid Date Range: 02/04/26 to 02/04/26
 Include Non-Budgeted: Y

Vendor #	Name	PO #	PO Date	Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	Contract	PO Type
ACTI005	ACTION DATA SERVICES	26-00245	01/29/26	PAYROLL #1 1/9/2026	Open	868.11	0.00		
ALLBR005	ALL BRANDS ELEVATOR INDUSTRIES	26-00168	01/21/26	DRAW DOWN- BORO HALL ELEVATOR	Open	180.00	0.00		
ALLTR005	ALL TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS, LLC	26-00097	01/14/26	MESSAGE/RADAR TRL YRL MAINT	Open	9,452.50	0.00		
AMER0060	AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOC	26-00158	01/20/26	2026 AWWA MEMBERSHIPS	Open	596.00	0.00		
APCER005	AP CERTIFIED TESTING, LLC	26-00109	01/14/26	2026 NJDEP Backflow Renewal	Open	315.00	0.00		
BAHAR005	BAHAR SILAPOVA	26-00266	01/30/26	R32-26 DISABLED VET	Open	1,830.40	0.00		
BORO0025	BOROUGH OF NO HALEDON	26-00249	01/29/26	2025 SEWER SYSTEM INVOICE	Open	702.70	0.00		
BOSWE005	BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	26-00261	01/30/26	MDL REALTY, LLC	Open	553.50	0.00		
		26-00264	01/30/26	SPMG	Open	6,108.00	0.00		
						6,661.50			
CARL0010	JOCB LLC	26-00071	01/14/26	2026 DRAW DOWN ACCOUNT	Open	95.00	0.00		
COREB005	COREBRIDGE	26-00253	01/29/26	VALIC SHORTAGE ACCT# 2724	Open	425.00	0.00		
DOORW005	DOOR WORKS INC	25-02376	12/23/25	THE PD BAY #4 DOOR REPAIRS	Open	1,002.00	0.00		
DOWNE005	DOWNES TREE SERVICE	25-00917	05/07/25	INSTALL DASHER SYSTEM R79-25	Open	68,630.00	0.00		
		25-02205	11/14/25	SEPTEMBER PRUNING TREES	Open	875.00	0.00		
						69,505.00			
ELECT015	ELECTRONIC DRIVER & CONTROLS ,	25-02386	12/29/25	REPLACEMENT VFD	Open	8,491.42	0.00		
ELLI0005	ELLIOTT LEWIS CORP	25-00920	05/23/25	MAINTENANCE HV/AC AGREEMENT	Open	1,982.00	0.00		

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ENTER005	ENTERPRISE FLEET MANANGEMENT	26-00103	01/14/26	ENTERPRISE LEASING	Open	9,490.58	0.00		
FDRHI005	FDR HITCHES LLC	25-00071	01/17/25	DRAW DOWN-DPW TRUCK REPAIRS	Open	3,947.39	0.00		
GANNE010	GANNETT NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY	26-00242	01/29/26	NOTICE OF MEETINGS- 1185865	Open	42.24	0.00		
		26-00246	01/29/26	BO# 2286-22 # 1185902	Open	<u>113.52</u>	0.00		
						155.76			
GENTI005	GENTILINI FORD INC.	25-01811	09/17/25	R153-25 FORD UTILITY	Open	47,937.08	0.00		
GILAL005	GILA LLC	26-00252	01/29/26	CHARGEBACK ON CC FOR PERMIT	Open	50.00	0.00		
GOLD0010	GOLDSTAR PRODUCTS INC	25-01822	09/30/25	TURN OUT GEAR CLEANER	Open	1,123.50	0.00		
GOLDT005	GOLD TYPE BUSINESS MACHINES,	26-00096	01/14/26	E-TICKET QUARTERLY FEE	Open	2,032.36	0.00		
HOMES005	HOME SUPPLY & LUMBER CO., INC.	25-00076	01/17/25	DRAW DOWN-MISC PARTS/SUPPLIES	Open	156.03	0.00		
IDEMI005	IDEMIA IDENTITY & SECURITY	26-00101	01/14/26	LIVESCAN YEARLY MAINTENANCE	Open	2,488.00	0.00		
JETVA005	JET VAC EQUIPMENT, LLC	25-01605	09/02/25	SEWER NOZZLE	Open	715.00	0.00		
JOHNC010	JOHN CARLO	26-00244	01/29/26	REIMBURSE HAZ MAT BOOK	Open	80.66	0.00		
JOHNG010	JOHN GARCIA CONSTRUCTION CO	26-00263	01/30/26	EMERGENCY WATER LINES	Open	26,866.70	0.00		
		26-00268	01/30/26	EMERGENCY WATER LINES	Open	<u>37,970.10</u>	0.00		
						64,836.80			
JOSE0060	JOSEPH SPERANZA	26-00243	01/29/26	REIMBURSE PRINTER INK FD HQ	Open	85.99	0.00		
KEYTE005	KEY TECH INC	26-00254	01/30/26	24/25 ROAD PROGRAM/FREDRICK	Open	3,200.00	0.00		
LANGU005	LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	25-00049	01/17/25	LANGUAGE LINE SERVICE	Open	57.80	0.00		
LEXIP005	LEXIPOL, LLC	26-00098	01/14/26	2026 YEARLY MAINTENANCE	Open	10,187.10	0.00		

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LOWES005	LOWES HOME IMPRV BUSINESS ACCT	26-00262	01/30/26	JAN 26 WATER SUPPLIES	Open	546.56	0.00		
MARCL005	MARC LECOURIEUX	26-00229	01/28/26	REIMBURSE MOTORCYCLE BATTERY	Open	127.99	0.00		
MCAA005	MCAA OF NJ	26-00104	01/14/26	2026 MEMBERSHIP	Open	100.00	0.00		
METLI005	METLIFE	26-00248	01/29/26	JANUARY 2026	Open	285.00	0.00		
MICHO065	MICHAEL J. PASQUALE, ESQ	26-00265	01/30/26	SPGM	Open	568.75	0.00		
MJGSE005	MJG SERVICES, LLC	25-01128	06/23/25	DRAW DOWN FOR WATER SERVICES	Open	1,500.00	0.00		
MORTO005	MORTON SALT, INC.	25-00080	01/17/25	DRAW DOWN-ROAD SALT	Open	50,231.90	0.00		
		26-00164	01/21/26		Open	<u>9,642.21</u>	0.00		
						59,874.11			
NEWJE010	NEW JERSEY FIRE EQUIPMENT CO.	25-02360	12/17/25	HFT SCOTT KEVLAR STRAPS	Open	2,580.66	0.00		
NJASS005	NJ ASSOC OF CHIEFS OF POLICE	26-00092	01/14/26	NEW POLICE CHIEFS ORIENTATION	Open	650.00	0.00		
		26-00094	01/14/26	2026 NJ STATE CHIEFS DUES	Open	<u>275.00</u>	0.00		
						925.00			
NJMOT015	NJ MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION	26-00230	01/29/26	DUPLICATE TITLE 1995 SEWER TRK	Open	60.00	0.00		
NJMUN005	NJ MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT	26-00228	01/28/26	2026 MEMBERSHIP FEE	Open	300.00	0.00		
NJWA005	NJWA	26-00110	01/14/26	NJWATER 2026 MEMBERSHIP	Open	780.00	0.00		
NORTH065	NORTH JERSEY COURT ADMIN ASSOC	26-00105	01/14/26	2026 MEMBERSHIP - NORA KHOURY	Open	50.00	0.00		
		26-00106	01/14/26	2026 MEMBERSHIP - K. PALLADINO	Open	50.00	0.00		
		26-00162	01/21/26	FEBRUARY MEETING - N. KHOURY	Open	<u>40.00</u>	0.00		
						140.00			
ONPOI005	ON POINT EQUIPMENT REPAIR LLC	26-00207	01/22/26	DRAW DOWN EQUIP REPAIR	Open	650.00	0.00		
PAINO005	PAINO ROOFING COMPANY INC	25-01558	08/25/25	ROOF MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	Open	275.00	0.00		

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PASCA005	PASCACK DATA SERVICES					
25-01514	08/20/25	DESKTOP/LAPTOPS	Open	13,245.60	0.00	
25-01736	09/22/25	MICROSOFT HOME & BUSINESS	Open	2,079.00	0.00	
25-01739	09/22/25	POLICE RENEWL CONTRACTS	Open	8,852.55	0.00	
25-02142	11/05/25	CYBER SECURITY SOLUTION	Open	47,316.37	0.00	
26-00149	01/15/26	MONITOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS	Open	<u>429.28</u>	0.00	
				71,922.80		
PASS0070	PASSAIC CTY POLICE CHIEFS ASSN					
26-00095	01/14/26	2026 PASSAIC CO. CHIEFS DUES	Open	500.00	0.00	
PERRY005	PERRY'S FLORIST					
25-02374	12/23/25	FLOWERS BERNICE SINNING	Open	212.99	0.00	
POWE0010	POWER DMS INC					
26-00100	01/14/26	POWER VETTED YEARLY MAINT	Open	3,850.00	0.00	
PREFE005	PREFERRED BUSINESS SYSTEMS					
26-00250	01/29/26	POSTAGE TAPE STRIPS	Open	18.59	0.00	
PRTRE005	PRT REALTY, LP					
26-00241	01/29/26	REFUND 50% TAXES AS PER EASEMT	Open	2,271.54	0.00	
PUZOS005	PUZO'S RESTAURANT					
25-02219	11/14/25	SANTA RUN 12.20.25	Open	554.50	0.00	
RECYC010	RECYCLE TRACK SYSTEMS NJ LLC					
26-00251	01/29/26	WASTE/RECYCLING JANUARY 2026	Open	86,454.43	0.00	
REDIC005	REDICARE LLC					
26-00209	01/22/26	DRAW DOWN-FIRST AID	Open	242.00	0.00	
RIDG0010	RIDGEWOOD PRESS					
25-02375	12/23/25	LAWN SIGNS HOLIDAY CONTEST	Open	335.00	0.00	
26-00083	01/14/26	HISPANIC HERITAGE EVENT 2025	Open	<u>1,731.00</u>	0.00	
				2,066.00		
SAMUE010	SAMUEL STOTHOFF CO., INC					
25-02331	12/12/25	CEDAR AVE WELL TV	Open	5,500.00	0.00	
SERVI010	SERVICE TIRE TRUCK CENTERS					
25-00532	03/26/25	TIRE REPAIRS	Open	494.00	0.00	
SHOTM005	SHOTMEYER BROS FUEL CO					
25-00088	01/17/25	DRAW DOWN-DIESEL FUEL	Open	6,286.67	0.00	
SPECT010	SPECTROTEL HOLDING COMPANY LLC					
26-00226	01/28/26	BODY WORN CAMERAS 1/8-2/7/26	Open	399.42	0.00	
SPEED005	SPEEDERS					
25-01621	09/04/25	POLICE VEHICLE WASHING	Open	384.00	0.00	

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STRAT010	STRATEGIC SAFETY DYNAMICS LLC	25-02026	10/23/25	T2 TURNCOAT/PANTS/SHIPPING	Open	3,344.70	0.00		
TANI0010	TANIS HARDWARE	25-00095	01/17/25	DRAW DOWN FOR PARTS/SUPPLIES	Open	718.39	0.00		
		26-00079	01/14/26	MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES	Open	<u>307.72</u>	0.00		
						1,026.11			
TAPIN005	TAP INTO LOCAL LLC	26-00227	01/28/26	MONTHLY CONTRACT- JANUARY	Open	250.00	0.00		
TCTAN005	TCTANJ	26-00003	01/12/26	26 TC MEMBERSHIP J. CAROSOTTO	Open	125.00	0.00		
TRADE005	TRADEMARK OFFICE PRODUCTS, INC	26-00088	01/14/26	PRINTER TONER	Open	119.97	0.00		
		26-00267	01/30/26	WEBCAMERAS POAA	Open	<u>389.94</u>	0.00		
						509.91			
VEHIC005	VEHICLE LEASING ASSOCIATES LLC	25-01816	09/30/25	POLICE VEHICLE EMERG LGTS/SRN	Open	3,661.42	0.00		
		26-00102	01/14/26	2026 CHEVY TRAVERSE LEASING	Open	<u>2,653.33</u>	0.00		
						6,314.75			
WBMAS005	W.B. MASON CO INC	25-02342	12/17/25	OFFICE SUPPLIES	Open	613.78	0.00		
WELLS015	WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL LEASING,	26-00082	01/14/26	POLICE COPIER LEASE AGREEMENT	Open	1,014.34	0.00		
<hr/> Total Purchase Orders: 84 Total P.O. Line Items: 0 Total List Amount: 511,719.28 Total Void Amount: 0.00									

Totals by Year-Fund					
Fund Description	Fund	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Total
CURRENT FUND	5-01	150,166.13	0.00	0.00	150,166.13
WATER OPERATING	5-05	<u>15,871.03</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15,871.03</u>
Year Total:		166,037.16	0.00	0.00	166,037.16
CURRENT FUND	6-01	137,469.84	0.00	50.00	137,519.84
WATER OPERATING	6-05	<u>2,270.18</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,270.18</u>
Year Total:		139,740.02	0.00	50.00	139,790.02
GENERAL CAPITAL	C-04	71,830.00	0.00	0.00	71,830.00
WATER CAPITAL	C-06	<u>64,836.80</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>64,836.80</u>
Year Total:		136,666.80	0.00	0.00	136,666.80
BUILDERS ESCROW	E-21	7,230.25	0.00	0.00	7,230.25
OTHER TRUST II	T-12	61,995.05	0.00	0.00	61,995.05
Total of All Funds:		<u>511,669.28</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>511,719.28</u>